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This Administrative Bulletin (AB) is to announce the addition of a "legitimate legal service organization" to the California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 3141(c), Confidential Correspondence.

Currently, CCR Section 3141 provides that inmates may correspond confidentially with an attorney at law listed with a state bar association. The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California ruled in King v. Borg that an inmate may correspond confidentially with a "**legitimate legal service organization.**" The Court ordered that "legitimate legal service organizations" be recognized by the Department, for purposes of confidential correspondence. Thus, when correspondence is addressed to a legitimate legal service organization, the correspondence need not be addressed to a specific named attorney to be considered as confidential.

An example of a legitimate legal service organization is the Prison Law Office. Additionally, in its findings and recommendations in this case, the Court referred to the American Civil Liberties Union, the Young Lawyers Section of the American Bar Association, and the Association of Defense Attorneys as examples of legitimate legal service organizations. Institution mail room staff are to contact the Department's Legal Affairs Division at (916)445-0495 if there is any question regarding the legitimacy of a legal service organization.

The inspection and possible reading of an inmates confidential mail shall strictly adhere to the regulations articulated in CCR Section 3144 "Inspection of Confidential Mail."

Starting with the effective date of this AB, inmates may correspond confidentially with "legitimate legal service organizations," as ordered by the court in King v. Borg. This AB shall remain in effect until incorporated into the appropriate section of the Department Operations Manual.

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